

Options for Supplementing Existing Policy on Setting Recreation Fees that Youth Are Charged

If a new policy relating to fees youth are charged for recreation is desired to supplement existing policy directions, there are three major variables to be determined: **Which youth** (A) should be charged **what rate** (B) for **which programs or activities** (C). There are many possible variations. The chart below provides some options, although many of them might be impractical due to cost implications, inability to identify individuals within the desired populations, and/or other difficulties in administering such a policy. It is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of options.

A – Which Youth?		B – Which Rate?		C – Which Programs or Activities?	
% of youth population	<i>Could range from some small percentage to 100% or all youth</i>	% of youth market rate	<i>Might range from 0% or free to 100% of youth market rate or some discretionary range thereof, which may or may not cover all costs.</i>	“Core Services”	<i>Example: Might be learn to swim but not recreational swim activities.</i>
Specified age groups	<i>Examples: pre-school-age, middle-school-age or high school-age</i>	% of the direct cost of providing the service	<i>Might range from 0% or free to 100% of direct costs or some discretionary range thereof, which may be higher or lower than youth market rate.</i>	Drop-In and/or activities which don’t require pre-registration	
Youth whose families meet certain income requirements	<i>Might range from some % of Federal guidelines for poverty to no income restrictions</i>	% of the full cost of providing the service	<i>Might range from 0% or free to 100% of full costs or some discretionary range thereof, which may be higher or lower than youth market rate.</i>	Activities requiring pre-registration	<i>Primarily classes and camps and trips.</i>
Youth who are “at risk”	<i>“At-risk” for one or more specific areas, such as academics or criminal behavior; or as identified by schools or other criteria</i>	% of Adult Fee for comparable activity	<i>Might range from 0% or free to 100% of the adult fee or some discretionary range thereof.</i>	Activities offered during specific time periods	<i>Example: after-school activities; weekend and evening activities.</i>
				Activities offered at specific locations	<i>Example: activities at school sites; activities at Tennis Center, Golf Courses or Fremont Pool</i>